

## DIVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

## DIRECTIVE

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TO:

All Division of Fire and Rescue Services Personnel

FROM:

Chief Roger W. Strock

SUBJECT: Modification to DFRS Policy and Procedure #811, Operations

**During Inclement Weather** 

In order to ensure that employees are not subjected to "certain weather" conditions" that expose them to "harsh extremes" I am modifying the sections 5.0, 5.1 and 5.2 of DFRS Policy and Procedure #811, Operations During Inclement Weather as follows.

- During periods of extreme weather, the ECC supervisor will monitor 5.0 weather conditions on an hourly basis using National Weather Service data.
- 5.1 The ECC supervisor will make the appropriate notification to suspend outdoor activities as follows:
  - a. When the heat index (humiture) is between 96° and 105°F ECC will announce. "Attention all stations and units on the air. The heat index is \_\_\_\_\_. Outside strenuous activities are cancelled."
  - b. When the heat index is above 105°F or the windchill is 20°F or below ECC will announce, "Attention all stations and units on the air. The heat index is \_\_\_\_\_ or the windchill is \_\_\_\_\_, (whichever is appropriate). All outdoor activities are cancelled."
- 5.2 When the windchill rises above 20°F or the heat index falls below 96°F an announcement will be made by ECC advising the resumption of outdoor activities.

In addition to the above changes, now that all personnel have been issued a 3season jacket or have had the opportunity to obtain a 3-season jacket, section 4.9 is hereby deleted. Also, references to Director and Duty Chief are changed to DFRS Division Chief and Shift Chief, respectively.

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DFRS policy manual holders are to mark out the above noted sections and place a copy of this directive with policy #811.